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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Applicants' Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed are: New Declaration (4 pages)

The number of claims have not changed and the response is being filed within the shortened statutory period. Therefore, no additional fees are believed to be due for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 9, 2004

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, for which a response is due within the shortened statutory time period no later than December 9, 2004. Because Applicants are responding within the stated period, this Response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks made below.

AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for limiting the reproducibility of information, comprising:
a semi-rigid carrier; and
a holographic element coupled to the semi-rigid carrier, the holographic element having at least one holographic layer, the at least one holographic layer including a first [layer] set of